

DRAFT
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting
January 3, 2013

Commission Members Attending

Chairman John Finan
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson
Admiral Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips
Mr. Bill Scarborough
Mr. Rodney Smolla
Mr. Hood Temple
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

Commission Members Absent

Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Ms. Leah Moody
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

Staff Attending

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director
Dr. Argentina Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Trena Houpp
Mr. Clint Mullins
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Leslie Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Julia Blose, College of Charleston
Mr. Jordan Brenner, Ohio Technical College
Dr. Beverly Diamond, College of Charleston
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Dr. Ron Fullbright, University of SC Upstate
Dr. Tina Herzberg, University of SC Upstate
Dr. Charlie Harrington, USC Upstate
Mr. Christopher Judge, National Guard
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
& Universities
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University
Mr. Paul Mead, National Guard
Mr. Matt Nichols, National Guard
Mr. Kim Pipkin, National Guard
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Dr. Dirk Schlingmann, University of SC Upstate
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Ms. Ceomara Timmons, National Guard

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- Courtney Blake

Ms. Blake introduced the guests in attendance as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

- John Finan

A **motion** was made (Scarborough), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012, CHE meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

- John Finan

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on December 27, 2012, at which time this meeting's agenda was reviewed. He noted that the Finance and Facilities portion of the agenda included an amended budget item for the SC National Guard College Assistance Program. He stated that Ms. Carullo would provide information on the Governor's Budget Recommendations for FY 2013-14 during the report of the Acting Executive Director.

4. Report of the Acting Executive Director & Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported on the 2013 Session of the General Assembly, highlighting information on both the House and Senate prefiled bills relating to or affecting higher education, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**. She stated that the full Senate Education Committee would hold its first meeting on Thursday, January 10, at which time representatives from the SC Department of Education, the SC Department of Public Safety, and the SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE) have been invited to provide comments on campus safety in South Carolina. She stated she would be soliciting information from the state's public institutions in preparation for her presentation at this meeting. Ms. Carullo also reported on and provided a schedule of the 2013 House Ways and Means Higher Education, Tech and Cultural Subcommittee budget hearings, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**. She stated that CHE was scheduled to deliver its report on January 9 at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed Commissioners to attend. Ms. Carullo provided information on the Governor's Budget Recommendations for FY 2013-14, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**. Ms. Carullo noted that as part of the Executive Budget for FY 2013-14, the Governor recommended absorbing the Sea Grants Consortium into the CHE with a 30% reduction in that state agency's operating funds as part of the transfer. She also noted that, as in FY 2012-13, recommendations by the Governor again included implementation of Accountability Based Funding for the public colleges and universities beginning in FY 2013-14 with full implementation targeted for FY 2018-19.

5. Higher Education Action Plan Status Report

There was no report on the Higher Education Action Plan.

6. Presentation

Mr. Gary Glenn delivered a summary of the December 11, 2012, presentation he delivered to the Senate Finance Committee Higher Education Special Study Committee on Institutional Planning, Management and Funding of Facility Maintenance Needs, a key point of which was to make clear the differences between maintenance needs and deferred maintenance. Details about those differences as well as additional information about Mr. Glenn's presentation may be found in **Attachment IV**. Mr. Glenn stated that the state's public colleges and universities have an annual need of approximately \$269,377,858 to maintain and renew their educational and general facilities. He also noted that deferred maintenance is generally planned, programmed, and in some cases, required because the appropriate funding is not available. Brief discussion followed about the subcommittee's reaction to this presentation as well as about the possibility of consortia purchasing among the state institutions with regard to facilities' needs.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- John Finan

Chairman Finan had addressed the report of the Executive Committee earlier in the meeting during his Chairman's report.

CONSENT AGENDA**A. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. College of Charleston, B.A., Archeology
2. College of Charleston, B.S./A.B., Marketing
3. University of South Carolina Upstate, M.A., Teaching, Visual Impairment Education
4. University of South Carolina Upstate, M.S., Informatics
5. Winthrop University, B.A., Individualized Studies

B. Consideration of Request for Initial License to Recruit SC Residents

1. Ohio Technical College, Cleveland and PowerSport Institute, North Randall, OH
A.A.S., Complete Automotive Technology, High Performance and Racing, Diesel
Equipment Technology, Auto-Diesel Technology, Collision Repair & Refinishing with
Custom Paint & Graphics, Classic Car Restoration, PowerSport Technology

C. Presentation of Report on Program Modifications, August to November, 2012

Commissioner Horne stated that the items on the Academic Affairs & Licensing portion of the meeting's agenda (details about which may be found in **Attachment V**) were brought as a **motion** to the full Commission by consent agenda, after which she commented briefly on those items. With regard to **Agenda Item 7.02 A(5)**, Chairman Finan inquired about the employment options available for a person who has graduated with a B.A. degree in Individualized Studies. Winthrop University representative, Mr. Tim Drueke, explained that the Individualized Studies degree allows high achieving students to piece together their own majors and entrepreneurially create their own careers, bringing flexible skills to their employers as well as the ability to face complex challenges. Discussion followed about the value of a liberal arts education during which Commissioner Smolla commented on the particular value of blending general and technical education and Commissioner Munns stressed the importance of relaying this value to potential employers. Commissioner Munns also commented on the importance of regular faculty review and monitoring of academic programs to ensure that their graduates will be employable, after which Commissioner Vaughn advocated for improving the methods by which the success of academic programs is measured.

In response to Commissioner Phillips' request for additional information about **Agenda Item 7.02B**, Ohio Technical College representative Mr. Jordan Brenner stated that this program provides students with more overall, dedicated training than what they would receive in similar programs in South Carolina. Discussion followed about the various aspects related to the operation of out-of-state for-profit institutions in South Carolina.

The **motion** to approve the consent agenda was then brought to the table and **carried**.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Hood Temple

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Bill Scarborough

CONSENT AGENDA**A. Interim Capital Project**

1. University of South Carolina Columbia - Coker Seventh Floor Laboratory Renovation

B. Consideration of an amended FY2013-14 Budget Request for the SC National Guard College Assistance Program (SC NGCAP)

C. FY 2012-13 Quarterly Budget Presentation (For Information, No Action Required)

**D. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for December 2012
(For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Scarborough reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities brought as a **motion** to the full Commission **Agenda Item 7.04 A**, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

With regard to **Agenda Item 7.04 B**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment VI**, Commissioner Scarborough requested a motion that the 48 hour notice requirement be waived so that the item could be considered by the full Commission. That **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Hanna), and **carried**.

Mr. Michael Brown provided information on the background and history of SC National Guard College Assistance Program (SC NGCAP), details about which may also be found in **Attachment VI**. He reported that \$2.8 million was being requested to keep program funded for current number of participants. Chairman Finan stated that the funds for this program were depleted after the fall semester of the 2012-13 academic year and that this request was for the 2013-14 academic year. Representatives from the SC National Guard provided additional information about the program. Discussion followed about circumstances leading to the shortage of funds for the 2012-13 academic year, efforts being made by institutions to try to provide any available additional assistance to the affected students for the Spring 2013 semester, and the success and projected longevity of the SC NGCAP program.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Scarborough noted that **Agenda Items 7.04 C & D**, also described in **Attachment VI**, were provided for information only. He briefly reviewed **Agenda Item 7.04 C**, the CHE Quarterly Budget Report. Commissioner Munns noted areas that appeared under-expended and questioned whether that might have an impact on next year's budget consideration. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Gary Glenn commented on reasons for such areas anticipated to be expended by year end and responded to questions about carry-forward provisions.

8. Executive Director Search Committee Update

- Bettie Rose Horne

Commissioner Horne stated that the Search Committee was currently working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a recruitment firm to assist with the Executive Director search. She reported that the next meeting of the Search Committee would take place on January 23, 2013.

9. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Commission. Chairman Finan reminded Commissioners of their retreat meeting from 1:30-5:30 p.m. and continuing on Friday, January 4 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Finan adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I-VI)

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.